

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 remain active in this case, and Claims 1-13 and 17-19 are amended.

In the outstanding Office Action the application was indicated as being allowable except for the formal matter of correcting an informality in the Specification.

The amendment to the Specification corrects the informality identified in the outstanding Office Action and a grammatical informality without introducing new matter.

The amendments to the Claims 1-13 and 17-19 are believed to be self-evident corrections to avoid potential antecedent basis problems. No new matter is added, and no new search is required. The Amendment is believed to be clearly directed to only matters of form and should, accordingly be entered.

As no other issues are believed to remain outstanding relative to this application, it is believed to be clear that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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